

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of	)	<b>MAIL STOP AMENDMENT</b>
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2008, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: